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daughter of Judge William A. Fisher, and his wife, Louise Este, daughter of Judge David Kirkpatrick Este, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Judge Fisher, who died in 1901, was one of the most distinguished lawyers and honored citizens of Maryland, and a descendant, through his mother, of Peter Alricks, the Dutch deputy-governor of the colonies on the west side of the Delaware. The children of William Cabell and Louise (Fisher) Bruce, were: (1) William A., died in infancy; (2) James; (3) William Cabell; (4) David K. Este.

NOTE.—The Bruce family of Orange and Halifax counties should not be confounded with the Bruce family of King George county, some members of which removed to Orange and Culpeper counties, where their names appear very frequently in the county records. The first Bruce to acquire lands in the Northern Neck were Walter,¹ George¹ and William,¹ who came from Nansemond county. Walter¹ married the widow of Thomas Sayers of Lower Norfolk county, and left three children, Abraham,² John² and Nicholas.² There are numerous references to him in the Lower Norfolk records and the land patents. He was probably the ancestor of the family of Bruces at Emporia. Walter¹ died before 1690. George¹ Bruce, the ancestor of the King George county family, appeared in the Northern Neck about 1650. He resided in Richmond county where his will was recorded in 1715. His children were George,² Charles,² William,² John,² Hensfield,² Jane² and Elizabeth.² In 1735 John² obtained two patents to land in Orange county. Charles³ Bruce died in King George county in 1754, leaving a good estate (see will 1754), which he divided among his children Susan,³ Elizabeth,³ Mary,³ Frances,³ Charles³ and William.³ The first William¹ Bruce to appear in the Northern Neck about 1650 was perhaps a brother of the first George.¹ He left a son Henry² who married a daughter of Andrew Morton, of Northumberland. There are references to these different Bruces in all the Northern Neck county records, and their genealogy could be easily compiled. The only survivor of the King George county Bruces in the Northern Neck, is now a merchant at White Stone, Lancaster county. The rest are scattered in Virginia, the west and the southwest.

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MORTON DATA.

JOHN MORTON.

Compiled August, 1903, by DANIEL MORTON, M. D., St. Joseph, Mo.

1756, February 5th. Joseph Morton. Deed. King George Co.

From Joseph Morton, of James City county, to Thomas Turner, conveying 300 acres in King George.

Sir Marmaduke Beckwith. Family. Born at Aldborough, York-

shire, England, 1687. See The Beckwiths. Emigrated to Virginia in 1780. (?)

Children : Beckwith, Sir Jonathan, m. Rebecca Barnes.

Tarpley, b. October 2, 1718, d. November 7, 1748.

Elizabeth, b. October 15, 1723. A "Betty Beckwith" d. April 7, 1728.

Margaret, b. July 27, 1725, m. Joseph Morton, or was it Elizabeth?

Mary, b. June 12, 1727.

Rebecca, m. Major John Bellfield.

Marmaduke, m. Syble, dau. Major Elsie, of Revolutionary Army.

1756, December 18th. Joseph Morton. Bond. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Joseph Morton, Wm. Jordan, and Presley Thornton, gentlemen, bound unto Sir Marmaduke Beckwith, Baronet, 1,000 pounds sterling on condition that Morton, Jordan and Thornton pay Beckwith 500 pounds sterling on or before December 18, 1760. Autograph signatures. Witnesses : John Champe, John Stretch, Richard Talifero, Thos. Hodge. Recorded June 3, 1757.

1756, December 18th. Joseph Morton. Release. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Morton certifies to acceptance of loan of 500 pounds from Sir Marmaduke Beckwith in full satisfaction for fortune he was to have had with said Beckwith's daughter, and gives to said Beckwith absolute discharge from same. Autograph signature. Recorded January 3, 1757.

1756, December 20th. Joseph Morton. Richmond Co. B. 11, 436. Sir Marmaduke Beckwith, at the special instance and request of his son-in-law, Joseph Morton, of the county of James City, Gent., hath lent said Morton 500 pounds sterling. Beckwith draws bills of exchange payable to Wm. Jordan, one of Morton's securities in bond of date December, 18, 1756, and Jordan, under penalty of 100 pounds sterling, binds himself to indemnify said Beckwith from all charges and damages accruing from protest of said bills. Autograph signature. Witnesses : Thos. Hodge, Wm. Muir. Recorded January 3, 1757. Comment : Where is will of Sir Marmaduke Beckwith recorded?

1757-8. Joseph Morton.

Joseph Morton, member Virginia House of Burgesses for New Kent county. Comment : Is this the Joseph Morton heretofore mentioned in these records, or is it another man?

1758, April 14th. Joseph Morton. Deed. King George Co.

Joseph Morton, Gent., of James City county, to William Bruce and Elizabeth, his wife, and George Bruce, their son, of King George county, conveying 279 acres, part of 1,240 acres, in King George, held by said Joseph Morton by right of his marriage with his first wife, Frances Colson [Colston.]

1758, May 18th. Joseph Morton. Will. Recorded in King George Co. O. B., 1751-65, p. 202.

Joseph Morton, of the county of James City, Gent. Mentions Frances Morton, daughter; Mrs. Bellfield, my first wife's mother; son, William Jordan Morton. Daughters, Molly Beckwith Morton, Betty McCarty Morton, Lucy Butler Morton, Margaret Sydenham Morton; son, not yet christened. Land bought Dr. John Dixon in James City county, about 1,000 acres; conveyance to Mr. Benj. Waller, of lands and slaves settled on wife, tract of land in Orange county. Executors: Col. Presley Thornton, William Brockenbrough, Jonathan Beckwith, Lawrence Butler, Samuel Apperson. Autograph signatures. (Why was this will recorded in King George county?)

1759. Joseph Morton family.

Joseph Morton, b. —; d. 1759, in James City county, Va., son of John Morton and Mary Mountjoy, m. (1) Frances Colston, daughter William Colston and Mary Meriwether; m. (2) Margaret (?) Beckwith, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Beckwith and wife, name not known. This second marriage said to have taken place in Chesterfield county.

Children. Morton. First marriage:

(1) Frances, m. James Hubard, of Williamsburg, Va. See Hubard Genealogy in *William and Mary Quarterly*

Children Morton, second marriage:

(2) Molly Beckwith. No facts.

(3) Lucy Butler. No facts.

(4) Betty McCarty, b. February 9, 1746; d. September 13, 1807, m. Col. George Payne, b. January 9, 1743, d. May 3, 1831.

(5) William Jordan, b. in Westmoreland county, November 15, 1754; d. at "Snowden," Logan county, Ky., January 3, 1825, m. March 16, 1779, Martha Pryor, b. April 6, 1761, d. March 15, 1800, dau. William and Sarah (Wood) Pryor.

(6) Margaret Sydenham, b. April 30, 1756, in Richmond county; d. May 23, 1840, m. Robert Payne (brother Col. George Payne).

(7) —, a son, not christened when Joseph Morton wrote his will in 1758. Tradition states that he died young.

1759, December 31st. John Morton Jordan. Indenture. Richmond Co. B. 12, 141.

Between John Morton Jordan of Lunenburg Parish in county of Richmond of one part and Alvin Mountjoy of said parish and county, Gent, of other part. For 5 pounds sterling Jordan sells to Mountjoy his interest in water grist mill and 2 acres land in said parish owned jointly by Jordan and Mountjoy. Recorded February 4, 1760. Autograph signature.

1765, July, 8th. George Morton. Will. King George Co.

Will of George Morton. Mentions sons George, Robert Baylor (to whom he gives land in Orange county), John and Joseph, daughters Frances Hedgeman. Wife Lucy, son not of age. Proved August 7, 1766.

1771, June 6th. John Morton Jordan. Will. King George Co., Va.

Recorded October 3, 1771. This is the last will and testament of the subscriber, John Morton Jordan, of Annapolis in Maryland, of London, Merchant." Had estates in Maryland, Virginia, England and Island of Antigua, also property in ships. Mentions young son John Nesbett Jordan, wife Dorothy, half-brothers Joseph Morton and George Morton, half-sisters Mrs. Mary Sydenham, widow of Jonathan Sydenham, and Frances Meriwether. Following from Chancery papers in Williamsburg: John Morton Jordan was partner of Robert Maxwell, Merchant of London, 1766-1769. He visited Maryland in 1769 and was agent for Lord Baltimore. He died July 23, 1771, in Bermuda. He married Dorothy dau. Nesbit Darby (and Elizabeth his wife age 65 in 1799).

No date. Joseph Morton. Richmond Co. O. B. 10, 375.

Alvin Mountjoy guardian Joseph Morton. Comment. If this had the date it would be valuable.

1780, May 15th. William Jordan Morton. Montgomery Co., Ky.

Enters 961 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of land joining George Paynes 333 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres (1,333 $\frac{2}{3}$) on the waters of Hinksons Run, a branch of the South Fork of Licking beginning at the north corner of Paynes. (This item furnished by James M. Bourne.) Comment. How did he get this land and what became of it? Was it for military service? Look up the land grants at Frankfort, Ky.

No date. William J. Morton. Richmond Co. O. B. 20, 34.

Case Robert Mitchell vs. Wm. J. Morton. Comment. This is the only item I have ever found in Virginia records of Wm. Jordan Morton, who was evidently given the name of Joseph Morton's step-father.

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FIELDING AND DAVIS NOTES.

THE FIELDING FAMILY OF NORTHUMBELAND COUNTY.

Contributed by Dr. J. L. MILLER, Thomas, W. Va.

(CONTINUED)

Original copy of the above will made November 17, 1675, and original copy of the above deed of sale, made January 15, 1696, are now owned by Dr. Jos. Lyon Miller, Thomas, W. Va., great-great great-great-great-grandson of the said Ambrose Fielding.

WILL OF EDWARD FIELDING, 1690.

Abstract from the will of Edward Fielding, Merchant, Bristol, England. Dated February 9, 1690. Copy made 1696.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, Edward Feilding, Esqr., one of the Aldermen of the city of Bristoll, &c., &c.," disposes of a large estate as follows:

1st. To wife Elizabeth Feilding £200, lawful money; "all my plate, jewells, linnen, woollen, brass, pewter, & household goods remaining in